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SUBJECT: GOE'S CHANGE OF VOTE ON KOREAN ISSUE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISOR, AMBASSADOR RAFAEL GARCIA VELASCO, DISCUSSED WITH POLCOUNS ON NOVEMBER 19 THE REASONS FOR WHICH THE GOE CHANGED ITS VOTE OF ABSTENTION ON THE KOREAN FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE TO ONE OF SUPPORT IN UNGA PLENARY SESSION. GARCIA VELASCO STATED THAT THE MINISTRY MAKES DECISIONS ON THE BASIS OF WHAT IT PERCEIVES TO BE IN ECUADOR'S NATIONAL INTERESTS, AND THAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAD STUDIED LONG AND CAREFULLY US POSITIONS AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED TO THE MINISTRY ON THE KOREAN QUESTION PRIOR TO DETERMINING TO ABSTAIN ON BOTH THE FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS DURING THE COMMITTEE VOTE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MINISTRY HAD INFORMED THE EMBASSY BY NOTE OF ITS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

2. THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN THE PLENARY SESSION WAS MADE ENTIRELY TO ACCEDE TO US
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DESIRES ON THIS MATTER, AND IN SPITE OF POSSIBLE HARM TO OTHER ECUADOREAN INTERESTS, GARCIA SAID. THIS DID

NOT MEAN, GARCIA STATED, THAT THE GOE WAS NOT VOTING IN ACCORD WITH WHAT IT PERCEIVED AS ITS BEST INTERESTS. TO THE CONTRARY, THE GOE PLACES GREAT STORE ON GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US AND IS HOPEFUL THAT BY SUPPORTING THE USG IN AREAS OF IMPORTANCE TO IT THAT THE USG WILL IN TURN GIVE GREATER CONSIDERATION TO MATTERS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ECUADOR.

3. IMMEDIATELY UPON MAKING THE STATEMENT IN PARA 2, AMB GARCIA VELASCO MENTIONED THE HOPES OF THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE US EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ECUADOR THE SPECIAL TRADE PREFERENCES OF THE US TRADE ACT, AND HE REITERATED, AS HAVE SO MANY ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS, THAT ALTHOUGH AN OPEC COUNTRY ECUADOR DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THE US. HEMENW
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